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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3813

INFO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJ: RMO/TUNIS, DIRECT TRANSFER JOHN SCHADLER

REF: STATE 233430, SCHEER/TIENKEN TELECON 11/29.

1. EMBASSY WISHES CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING SUBSTANCE
TELECON UNDER REFERENCE IN LIGHT STATE REFTEL AND
STATE 232700.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, MEDICAL DIVISION WANTS
SCHADLER IN EARLY JANUARY FOR CONSULTATION. MEDICAL
DIVISION WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ARRANGE TRANSFER
OF OLNEY NO LATER THAN FIRST WEEK FEBRUARY AND
PREFERABLY SOONER. THIS WILL LEAVE US WITH
GAP OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS. IN FACT GAP WILL
BE GREATER SINCE EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO
ANNUAL LEAVE FOR SCHADLER BEGINNING MID-DECEMBER.
LEAVE INVOLVES TRIP TO U.S. AND WE DO NOT RPT NOT
FEEL WE CAN ASK SCHADLER FOREGO HIS LEAVE SINCE
HIS ARRANGEMENTS IN U.S. ALREADY MADE. SCHADLER HAS
HOWEVER AGREED SET BACK LEAVE DEPARTURE DATE TO
DEC 22.

3. AS DEPT. AWARE, WE NOT PLEASED WITH PROSPECT OF
TAKING LONG GAP IN POSITION OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE
TO MORALE AND WELFARE OF PERSONNEL THIS POST.
PROSPECT EVEN LESS APPEALING TO US SINCE GAP BEING
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CREATED BY EVENTS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THIS POST
AND BY TRANSFER OF OFFICER WHOSE TOUR OF DUTY STILL
HAS ONE YEAR HERE TO RUN. WE NONETHELESS RELUCTANTLY
AGREE TO DEPARTURES
CHADLER DEC 22 ON UNDERSTANDING
THAT DEPT. WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT MOVE UP TRANSFER
OLNEY SO AS NARROW GAP TO PROPORTIONS WE BELIEVE WE
CAN MANAGE, I.E., ETA FOR OLNEY O/A ONE FEBRUARY OR
EARLIER IF POSSIBLE. IF DEPT. CONCLUDES OLNEY ETA
TUNIS CANNOT MEET THIS TIMING, EMBASSY WOULD BE
GRATEFUL FOR EARLY ADVICE AND DEPT'S PROPOSED
SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM.
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